



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1594 **St. Croix National Heritage Area Study Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 29, 2003

H.R. 1594 would direct the Department of the Interior to study of the feasibility of designating the island of St. Croix as the St. Croix National Heritage Area. The proposed study would identify cultural and other resources on the island and would determine if there is a suitable entity to manage a national heritage area. The bill would require the department to report on its findings and recommendations within three years of receiving funds.

Assuming the availability or appropriated funds, CBO estimates that preparing the study and report required by H.R. 1594 would cost the federal government about \$300,000 over the next three years. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 1594 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.